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Brian P. Couchey *et al.* :
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The following U.S. and foreign patent references are included in the references cited by the European Patent Office in the official search report.

European Patent Publication No. EP 0699616A2

European Patent Publication No. EP 1312572A2

U.S. Pat. No. 4,667,896


A copy of the search report is enclosed along with a copy of each of the above-identified references. EP 1312572A2 is a corresponding application to U.S. Publication No. 2003/0146333A1, which was cited in an IDS submitted previously in the present application. The corresponding European publication is being cited, however, from an abundance of caution. Three additional references cited in the EPO search report, namely U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,387,863, 5,236,145, and 5,908,172, were cited in a previously filed IDS for the present application and are not enclosed.

European Patent Publication No. EP 0699616A2 appears to disclose a spool for winding cable.

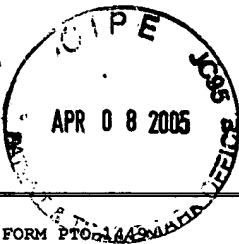
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